(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) to (d) Some incidents of ticketless travelling by police personnel in trains do come to notice Police personnel found travelling without ticket are penalized as per provisions of the Railway Act. To ckeck such illegal practice, minimum penalty for ticketless/irregular travel has been enhanced from Rs. 50/- to Rs. 250/- with effect from 01-07-2004. Such incidents are also brought to the notice of concerned Police Authorities from time to time.

Criteria for superfast trains

†3323. SHRI MOTILAL VORA:
SHRI SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the present criteria for superfast trains and speed fixed per km/per hour for such trains;

(b) whether the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways has recommended to keep only such trains under superfast category which run with a speed of 75 kilometre per hour and above; and

(c) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Trains, whose average speed on the entire run in both Up & Dn. directions is minimum 55 kmph on Broad gauge and 45 kmph on Metre Gauge, are designated as superfast trains.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Security mechanism on trains and stations

3324. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR:
SHRI AMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that proposals worth Rs. 17.71 crores put forward by the Railway Protection Force to procure explosive vapour trace

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.